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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Yiqing S. Liang et al	
Serial No.: 09/718,374	Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: November 24, 2000	Examiner: Seyed H. Azarian
Title: System and Method for Object Identification and Behavior Characterization Using Video Analysis	White & Case Docket No.: 1617880-0002

REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING AN INTERVIEW

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.01, the applicants request a telephone interview (we will initiate the call) on January 8, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. ET (Eastern time). Please confirm the above-stated time.

During the interview, the applicants desire to discuss a main difference between the present invention and the U.S. Patent No. 6,072,903 by Maki et al ("Maki"). The applicants believe that Maki does not show a computer that is configured to "determine a position and shape of an object of interest from video images and to characterize activity of said object of interest based on analysis of changes in said position and shape over time" of claim 1 of the present invention, nor does Maki show a method of "characterizing said activity of said foreground object based on comparison to activity of a standard object" of claim 16 of the present invention.

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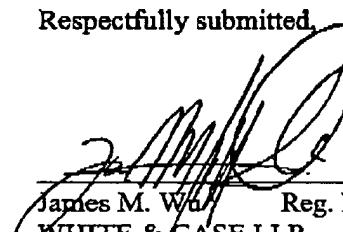
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The applicants further desire to distinguish the difference between the illustrative object of a biological life mouse described in the present application and the mechanical computer mouse described in Maki, see column 2, lines 20-26 of Maki.

The examiner is invited to initiate any issues that he or she deems to be necessary and helpful to expedite the allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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